

# INDIAN PHILOSOPHY / DARSHANA

DARSHANA means 'Vision' or 'Perspective'

Analyzes 6 topics:

Relationship between

- **Jiva** (Individual) - Who am I?
- **Jagat** (World) – What constitutes the world?
- **Ishvara** (God) – Who created the individual and the world?

Concept of

- **Bandha** (Bondage) – What is the cause of sorrow?
- **Moksha** (Liberation) – What is the nature of freedom from sorrow?

Means

- **Sadhana** (Means) – How to attain moksha from bandha?

# DARSHANAs

Popularly known: 12 Darshanas

High-level classification:

- Astika (6) – Believe in Vedas
- Nastika (6) – Do not believe in Vedas

- Astika:

- Sankhya
  - Yoga
  - Nyaya
  - Vaisheshika
- } Tarkika
- Purva-Mimamsa (Mimamsa)
  - Uttara-Mimamsa (Vedanta)
- } Vaidika

- Pramana: Proof

- Tarkika: Logic etc. are primary pramana; Vedas are secondary Parmana
- Vaidika: Vedas are primary pramana; Logic etc. are secondary Parmana

- Nastika:

- Charvaka (Materialism)
  - Jaina (Jainism)
- Sautrantika
  - Vaibhashika
  - Yogachara
  - Madhyamika
- } Buddhism



## ASTIKA DARSHANA SUTRAS

All 6 Astika Darshanas are based on their respective Sutra texts

Sutrakara: Writer of the Sutra

Bhashyakara: Writer of the commentary on the Sutra

	Astika Darshana	Sutrakara	Bhashyakara
1	Sankhya	Kapila	Ishvarakrishna
2	Yoga	Patanjali	Vyasa
3	Nyaya	Gautama	Vatsyayana
4	Vaisheshika	Kanada	Prashastapada
5	Purva-Mimamsa (Mimamsa)	Jaimini	Sabarasvamin
6	Uttara-Mimamsa (Vedanta)	Badarayana (Vyasa)	<several>

# VEDANTA SUTRA BHASHYAS

Sutrakara: Bhagavan Shri Veda Vyasa (Badarayana)

	Vedantic School	Bhashyakara	Name of Bhashya
1	Advaita	Sankara	Sharirakamimamsabhashya
2	Bhedabheda	Bhaskara	Bhaskarabhashya
3	Visishtadvaita	Ramanuja	Sribhashya
4	Dvaita	Madhva	Purnaprajnabhashya
5	Dvaitadvaita	Nimbarka	Vedantaparijatasaurabha
6	Saiva-Visishtadvaita	Srikantha	Saivabhashya
7	Sakti-Visishtadvaita	Sripathi	Srikarabhashya
8	Shuddhadvaita	Vallabha	Anubhashya
9	Avibhagadvaita	Vijnanabhikshu	Vijnanamrutabhashya
10	Acintyabhedabheda	Baladeva	Govindabhashya
11	Saktyadvaita	Panchananatarkaratna	Saktibhashya



# POPULAR VEDANTA SCHOOLS - ADVAITA

*Jiva, Jagat, Ishvara, Bandha, Moksha, Sadhana*

**Bhashyakara: Swami Adi Sankaracharya**

**Jiva, Jagat, Ishvara:**

*Brahma Satyam Jagat Mithya Jivo Brahmaiva Naparah*

Brahman is Satyam (absolutely real)

Jagat is Mithya (relatively real)

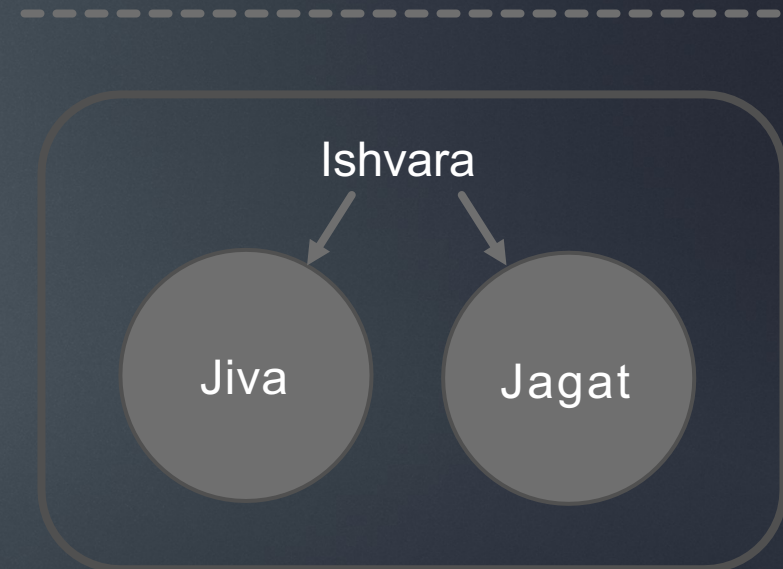
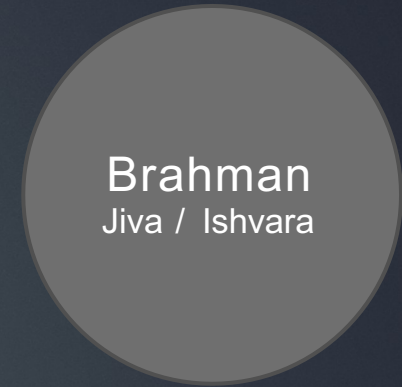
Jiva is same as Brahman and not different

**Bandha:** Avidya (ignorance) of identity of atman and Brahman

**Moksha:** Realization of identity of atman and Brahman

**Sadhana:** Removal of avidya and knowledge of identity

Paramarthmika Satya  
(Absolutely Real)



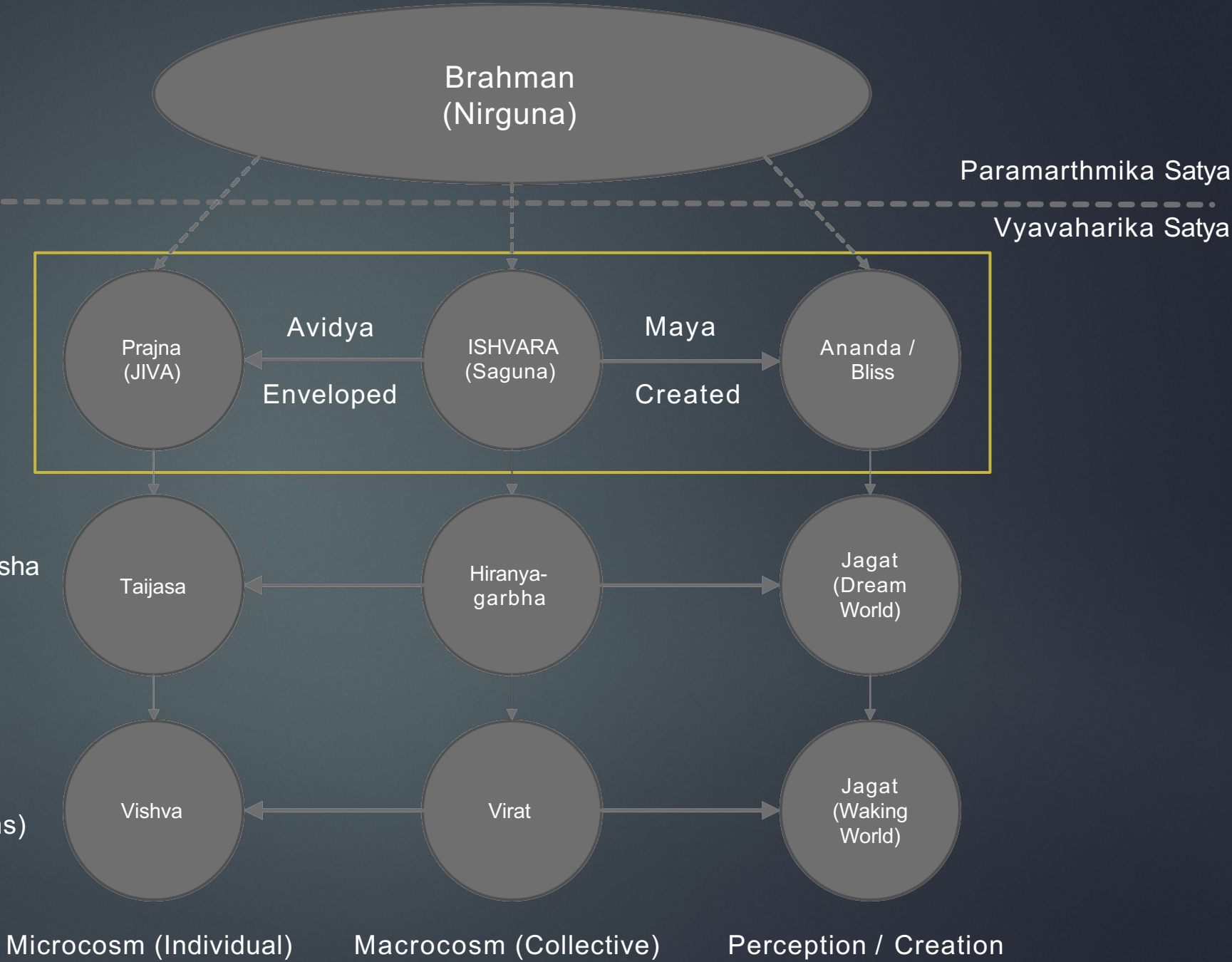
Vyavaharika Satya  
(Relatively Real)

ADVAITA - Relationship between Jiva, Jagat, Ishvara & Brahman

**Karana Shariram** (Causal Body)  
Ananadamaya Kosha  
Avidya & **Vasanas**  
**Sushupthi** (Deep Sleep State) / **M** in AUM

**Sukshma Shariram** (Subtle Body)  
Pranamaya, Manomaya, Vijnanamaya Kosha  
Prana, **Mind**, **Intellect**, Chitta & Ahamkara  
**Swapna** (Dreaming State) / **U** in AUM

**Sthula Shariram** (Gross Body)  
Annamaya Kosha  
**Body**, Jnana & Karma Indriyas (sense organs)  
**Jagritha** (Waking State) / **A** in AUM



\*\* Mandukya Upanishad \*\*



## POPULAR VEDANTA SCHOOLS - VISISHTADVAITA

*Jiva, Jagat, Ishvara, Bandha, Moksha, Sadhana*

**Bhashyakara: Swami Ramanujacharya**

**Jiva, Jagat, Ishvara:**

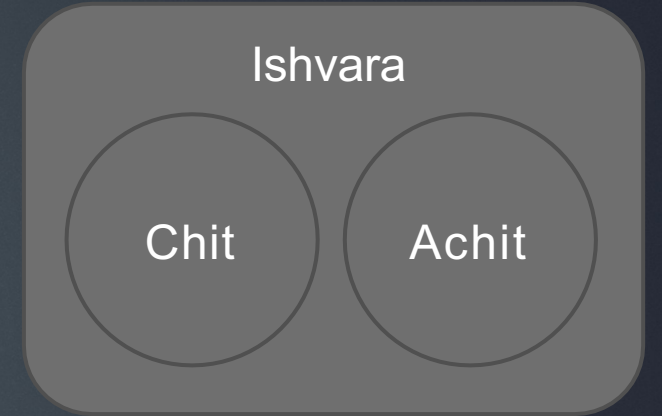
*Asesha Chit-Achit Prakaaram Brahmaikameva Tatvam*

Brahman as qualified by the sentient (Jiva) and insentient (Jagat) modes (aspects or attributes) is the only reality

**Bandha:** Avidya (ignorance) of true relationship between Jivatma and Paramatma

**Moksha:** Eternal blissful service of Jiva to Ishvara in SriVaikuntam

**Sadhana:** Saranagathi



# POPULAR VEDANTA SCHOOLS - DVAITA

*Jiva, Jagat, Ishvara, Bandha, Moksha, Sadhana*

**Bhashyakara: Swami Madhvacharya**

## **Jiva, Jagat, Ishvara:**

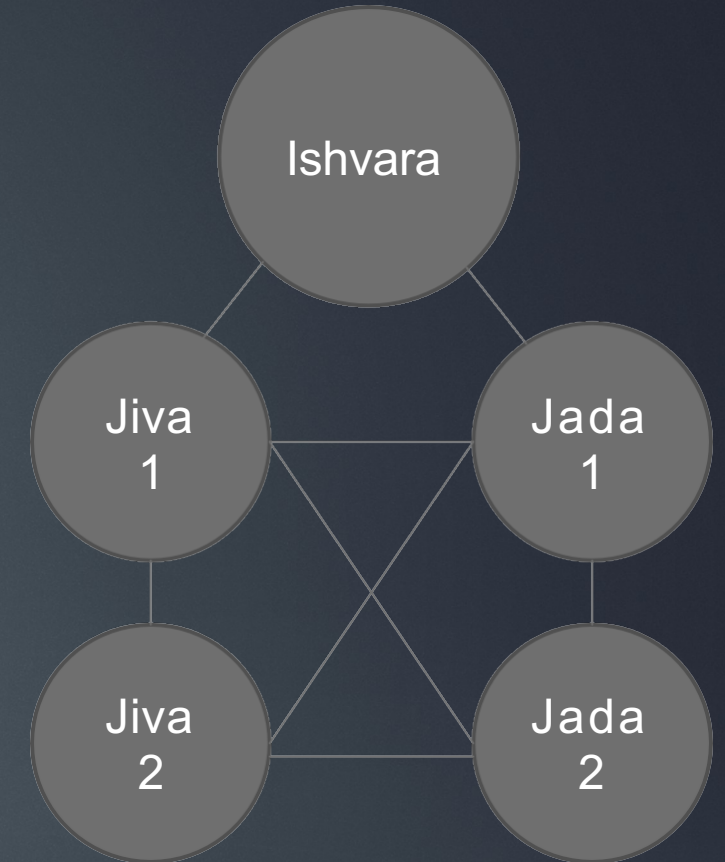
*jiiveshvara bhidA chaiva jadeshvara bhidA tatha  
jiiva-bhedo mithashchaiva jada-jiiva-bhidA tatha  
mithashcha jada-bhedo. ayam prapancho bheda-panchakah*

The difference between the Jiva and Ishvara, and  
the difference between Jada (Jagat) and Ishvara, and  
the difference between various Jivas, and  
the difference between Jada and Jiva, and  
the difference between various Jadas  
these five differences make up the universe

**Bandha:** Avidya (ignorance) covering of different unnatural layers  
on the true intrinsic nature of a Jiva

**Moksha:** Realization of Jiva's true nature, permanent state of happiness  
and complete dependence on Ishvara

**Sadhana:** Discipline, Devotion & Saranagathi





## PRASTHANATRAYI

- 3 sources of authority for all Vedanta schools

**Shruthi** Prasthana (Heard / Revelations): **Upanishads**

**Smriti** Prasthana (Remembered): **Srimad Bhagavad Gita**

**Nyaya** Prasthana (Logical): **Vedanta Sutra (Brahma Sutra)**

- Brahma Sutras are given maximum importance since it references both Shruthi and Smriti

!! NARAYANA !!